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## Suffolk County Legislature Adopts Local Law to Improve Budget and Fiscal Communication in County Government

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The Suffolk County Legislature voted unanimously to adopt a local law which will improve communication between fiscal entities within county government and is aimed at enhancing and improving legislators understanding of county finances. The vote took place at the Legislature's September 9, 2014 General Meeting.

Legislator Al Krupski, who represents the First District in the Suffolk County Legislature and who serves on the Legislature's Debt Reduction Committee, introduced legislation earlier this summer.

The law requires the County's Joint Audit Committee to meet quarterly, submit a written report outlining the substance of the committee's discussion and forward any recommendations they may have for the Legislature. The Joint Audit Committee consists of the Suffolk County Comptroller, the Suffolk County Treasurer, the Legislature's Director of Budget Review and the County Executive's Budget Director.

According to Legislator Krupski, the law is meant to facilitate open and regular dialog between those government entities which have direct involvement in the financial concerns of Suffolk County and to keep the Legislature informed on more frequent and ongoing basis.

"In these difficult fiscal times, our constituents want to know where there money is going on a day to day basis and it is the Legislators' responsibility to be fully informed on the economic health of the county" stated Legislator Krupski. "This will benefit the taxpayers."

The bill is expected to be signed by Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone.